

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 885

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donald E. "Don" Barry upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding high school officials who have been selected by their peers for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional professionals; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding official is Donald E. "Don" Barry, who began officiating football and basketball in 1967, and later added baseball to his repertoire; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, Mr. Barry has served as the assigning officer for North Middle Tennessee Football Officials Association and as the state supervisor since 1997; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career as an official, Don Barry has officiated over fifty play-off games, including five finals, the first Class A Finals in 1969, two Clinic Bowls, the TSSAA East-West High School All-Star game in 1971, and two Tennessee-Kentucky High School All-Star games as well as the inaugural Shrine East-West High School All-Star game in 1997; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he officiated Ohio Valley Conference football and college basketball in the Ohio Valley, Trans South, and VSAC conferences for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barry began assigning games and became the North Middle Tennessee Football Official's Association's leader in 1969, at which time the Association was servicing seven high schools and had only twenty-five officials; under Don Barry's capable leadership, the Association has grown to encompass twenty-two high schools and almost ninety officials; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barry has received innumerable honors and awards for his legendary career as an official, including the Frank (Doc) Keene Award for Outstanding Official in the

North Middle Tennessee Football Official's Association, a Distinguished Service Award from TSSAA in 1999, and a Distinguished Service Award in football from the National Federation of High Schools in 1992; and

WHEREAS, widely admired as a leader among his colleagues and peers, Don Barry has served as the President of the OVC Officials' Association, Clarksville Jaycees, Clarksville Kiwanis Club, and Association of the United States Army; Mr. Barry is also an Honorary Colonel of the governor's staff in both Tennessee and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Don Barry attended Sumner County High School and Austin Peay State University; he engaged in further graduate work at the School of Banking of the South, Louisiana State University, and the School for Consumer Lending at the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Don Barry began his distinguished banking career in 1965 with the First National Bank of Clarksville, and then later moved to Regions Bank, where he remained until his retirement in June of 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Barry returned to work for First Federal Savings Bank as a Commercial Mortgage Lending Officer; and

WHEREAS, Don Barry graciously serves his community and state in a number of ways, most visibly through his membership of local boards and his participation in local civic groups, including the Foundation Board of Austin Peay State University, Austin Peay State University Governors Club, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, an active member, teacher, and deacon of Hilddale Baptist Church, Mr. Barry espouses family values of the highest order, and has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Martha Sue Barry; his children, Donita Cavallero, Denise Sorro, Delayne Harrell; stepchildren, Leigh Ann Cope and Shannon Hale; his four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding citizen, lauding his service to the youth of our state and thanking him for his exemplary years as an officiator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we congratulate Donald E. Barry upon his induction into the Tennessee
Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, thank him for his service to the state of
Tennessee, and offer him our best wishes for every happiness and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.